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The Dead Hand

The provisions of the Yerkes bequest for a hospital in New York are worthy of more than a word. They exemplify a decided change which is taking place in the endowment idea. The "dead hand" gives up its grip. Mr. Yerkes left \$800,000 for the erection of a hospital and a large amount of money for its maintenance, and without any restrictions whatever. It is to be open to all, without regard to race, creed, or condition, and those who cannot pay are to receive medical attention free. As to anything further than this, the trustees are to make all the plans and operate the hospital as they see fit.

This trust of a dying man in the wisdom and integrity of his brothers is rather rare. Men have nearly always wanted to control far into the future the property which happened to be theirs at death. The error of such endowments is plainly evidenced in a thousand ways. An endowment for ransoming the victims of Algerian pirates was of benefit before 1801, but in perpetuity it was absurd. Endowments for supplying spinning wheels and teaching children to card, spin and knit lost their effectiveness when our grandmothers had grown to womanhood. Even as late as the '60s, generous old Mathew Vassar so restricted some of his endowments that they have become practically useless. His Asylum for Orphans, for instance, had to be given up, because the only way which fitted the requirements of being born in Dutchess county, of parents of a certain faith, and orphaned by the death of both parents, died in it of loneliness. The large yearly income which must be spent on the hospital somehow goes for ornamental purposes.

With time, conditions change. The trustees of the Yerkes hospital 100 years hence will know more about running it and the needs it can satisfy than Mr. Yerkes, 100 years dead. A man may not be wise for all time, but he may be helpful for all time, if he bequeaths his helplessness to others without imposing upon them his own limitations. Is the "dead hand" giving up its hard grasp on wealth to the warm hands, the feeling hearts and the ever-broadening minds of the living?

Grover's Latest

Right on the heels of the crusade to purify the sale of patent medicines, comes Grover Cleveland with a suggestion to purify the practice of medicine. In an address to the New York Medical Society, the ex-president tells physicians to tell their patients what the treatment is to be, what is to be done to them. It is but a step further to require doctors to write their prescriptions in plain English instead of the Latin or Greek which they now employ and which can only be understood, when not misunderstood, by the druggist. What a lovely professional howl would go up if this were required! It would put an end to the prescribing of bread dough and aqua pura and to the practitioners' commission paid by druggists on prescriptions. Moreover, it would result in poor people paying for fewer doctors' visits and prescriptions, something that no profession would stand without a howl even more vigorous than that set up by the patent medicine men over the efforts to make them label their bottles with their formulas.

Maybe Grover Cleveland, lawyer, would himself howl should it be required that lawyers furnish written opinions in every case of consultation, for the litigants could file away such opinions for reference and for economy's sake, and lawyers would do less business. Verily, Mr. Cleveland's suggestion, if adopted, would be the giving away of the profitable "tricks of the trade," and the New York Medical Society's patients will have to keep right on in ignorance of knowing "how it is done," whether the result is death or a cure.

Coerced by China

It will be better for all concerned if China shall be made to realize at once that her boycott and her warlike demonstrations cannot scare us into legislating in her interests and against our own, but can only invite our regiments and warships. No American with any of the genuine stuff in him has any thought of this country's being coerced by China, through boycott or any other means, into modifying our laws for the protection of labor and society to suit Chinese ideas and interests. We are not in the habit of having China or any other nation force upon us what we do not want.

Chinese labor is not an experiment, or a matter of theory, in the United States. It was tried for years, and then the people of the Pacific coast, who best knew its effects, declared, with a unanimity never paralleled in any vote taken in this country, that they were opposed to the admission of Chinese on any terms whatever. There is no lack of labor in this country. But there is, ought to be, and must be, lack of labor cheap enough to satisfy those grasping employers who would like to have their human help on the same terms as they keep brutes. This country has all it can do to take care of the flood of immigration brought in by corporations that regard cheap labor as the foundation of prosperity, without attempting to assimilate the rice-eating hordes of China. We have one race problem on our hands which we have found ourselves as yet unable to solve, and the free admission of Chinese would give us a Chinese problem in the north and west as disturbing as is the negro problem in the south.

Weighty Canal Charges

The Wallace incident may be a dead issue, but a post-mortem examination might develop some important information. It is easy enough for loose-tongued demagogues to stifle the public and draw applause by reckless charges of extravagance, corruption, favoritism and inefficiency in the administration at the Panama isthmus. But former Chief Wallace's testimony before the senate is not of that class.

The public would be interested to know why John F. Wallace, who is recognized as one of the greatest civil engineers in the world, was forced to resign after being paid \$24,000 for his services, and not even permitted to give to the government the results of his investigations or his advice. According to Wallace, one Wm. Nelson Cromwell is the man really running things at the isthmus. Wallace found himself completely under the domination of this Cromwell, and because he could not honorably submit to it resigned. Cromwell is attorney for the French Canal company, for the revolutionary government of Panama, for the Panama Ice and Electric company, for the Panama Railroad company. The public has some curiosity to know how Attorney Cromwell, representing all these interests, has also become general boss of the isthmian affairs of the United States.

A quarter of a million dollars is a lot of money for the census bureau to spend each year in the collection of cotton crop reports that are useless to the cotton growers. The wide-spread suspicion that these reports are more easily accessible to cotton speculators than to cotton growers may, or may not, be well founded. But the cotton growers, through the president of their association, have once more protested that the inaccuracy and delay of the official reports issued to them render them utterly useless. And if they are useless to the cotton growers they cannot possibly serve any good purpose. Secret information to cotton speculators can only work to the injury of the legitimate cotton trade. Certainly, the government cannot afford to pay \$250,000 a year for such purpose as that. Director North, of the census bureau, says he would be glad to be relieved of the whole unprofitable business. So would the people, who pay the bill.

Alamogordo Advertiser: That this vicinity is to become a great fruit section is the belief of many who are showing their faith by works. There are ten or a dozen parties who will make a spring setting of fruit trees of from one to four thousand trees, while hundreds of others will set out smaller numbers.

Devotes His Life Work Among Lepers



Rev. Father L. L. Conrady

lepers at Molokai, where he spent a few years ministering to their sufferings. He has secured the services of several Sisters of a religious community who will accompany him on this dangerous mission.

Happy Life Amidst Bodily Afflictions

In the northeastern corner of Ohio, the other day, a woman smiled as pain left her racked body—smiled and died, and the mortal part of her was laid away to be forgotten by mankind; and now the thoughts come on life and death, and the reasons for existence, and the measure of success, and how best to live to make living worth while. For forty years a woman was bedridden. Forty years! How old are you? Perhaps you can estimate the length of the days and the nights that this woman was crippled. Almost a lifetime. Death claimed all but hands and heart and brain, and still left her great power.

There are wonderful folks in this good world. They live and do, and make joy for others, even when robbed of health that is priceless. Beethoven by many is believed to have been master of music. He was totally deaf. Robt. Louis Stevenson wrote words that charmed humanity, with disease sapping his strength, and his song was as sweet and true as the notes of a bird. John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" when the light had gone out of the windows of his soul, and he sang well, and for the ages. And this woman who suffered for forty years, who lacked wealth, found joy in helping others. With amlie fingers she knitted a thousand comforts for small children who loved to linger at her bedside. She had learning and she helped those who were backward in education. She was busy every waking hour. The day that a telephone was placed at her bedside and she was able to get in touch with the world, she thanked God fervently for this new evidence of His mercy. She was always cheerful, she kept her sorrows hidden, she fought the blue days with her sublime faith in her Creator; she smiled, she cheered, there was a world of sunshine in her withered breast and she gave it freely to all.

You cannot measure good by any human rule. It is limitless. It is as big as space, and surely on the great record opposite the name of this afflicted woman it must be written in letters of gold: "With love in her heart for all mankind, she served well."

Practical Religion Demand of Our Day

Because you are interested in the moral and physical uplifting of mankind you will be sorry that Dr. Wm. Rainford will preach no more. The news dispatches have told of his illness and retirement. Pages of dispatches could not adequately cover what this man has done for his kind. People spoke of him as "Morgan's pastor," when in truth he was and is the pastor and friend of every man who needed help, who starved for affection and sympathy. Dr. Rainford's creed is human love and the brotherhood of mankind. It is as broad as the world, as tender as a mother's smile, as true as truth itself.

If the world ever needed practical religion it needs it now. Practical religion is the kind that influences daily living. It is the kind that helps in time of affliction. It helps the mind and the body, and often the body first. It fights wrong with the courage and strength of a giant. It seethes out the courage and sorrowing. It stands for education and cleanliness and decency. It bothers little about the boundaries of the Sea of Galilee, but gets right down to the heart of the man and some way puts hope in his breast.

Dr. Rainford built up St. George's in New York until it has become a world power, one of the greatest influences for good there is in the first city in the United States. And all on practical lines, with human love and sincerity for watchwords. Ah, the fragrance of such living! Disease may attack the body of the man who has accomplished so much; pain may afflict him, but joy will abide in his heart because of the happiness that comes with well doing. There is no higher effort than lies in developing the brotherhood of man.

Meeting of Mothers And School Teachers

From The Denver Times.

Mothers' meetings in connection with schools and kindergartens are becoming common throughout the country, and their value is inestimable. They secure a mutual understanding between parents and teachers which greatly facilitates all matters of discipline as well as making easier many methods used by the teachers. It is an opportunity for parents to suggest and enlighten in a way that greatly benefits the school.

In Denver we believe these meetings are quite common, but one Detroit school seems to have carried the idea farther than elsewhere. This "school for mothers" meets weekly and has 150 regular attendants. It is in charge of Miss Marsh of the Hancock school. The subjects discussed range through all phases of the problems of child training, whether in the school or in the home. Causes, effects, and cure of such offenses as truancy, tardiness, swearing, idleness, harmful mischief and the like are taken up, and the light shed upon the questions by a group of experienced mothers is naturally great.

It would seem that such a systematic development of the mothers' meetings, already common, might be profitably carried on elsewhere.

CHURCH, CLUB AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Mrs. W. W. McClellan, of 703 North Fourth street, is preparing to entertain a large number of ladies at cards on the afternoon of February 22.

Regular meeting of John A. Logan circle No. 1, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, tonight at 7:30 o'clock at Odd Fellows' hall. Meta B. Allison, secretary.

Mrs. A. B. Henderson of 123 South Fifth street, has issued cards for an entertainment to take place at the Henderson residence on the night of February 22.

The lecture to be given in the Lead Avenue Methodist church, February 22, by Rev. Robert McFerris, entitled "The Sunny Side of Soldier Life," will be for the benefit of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The subject of the patriotic address at the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night will be "How Marcus Whitman Saved Oregon." There will be special music. All old soldiers and sailors are cordially invited.

Probably the most prominent social function society of Albuquerque has to look forward to at present is the grand ball and reception of Mrs. F. A. Hubbell, which will take place at the Elks' entertainment hall on February 26. More than 500 invitations have been issued for the occasion.

At last night's gathering of the members of Company G, for drill duty, a social organization, to be known as the Company G Social club, was effected. Its members will be taken from Company G only. The object of the club is to promote the general social side of Company G life, and to find enjoyment for its members.

Wednesday evening, February 21, the members of the Commercial club will substitute a "Dance of Nations" for the regular club dance. It was first intended, and so announced, to have a "Kilties" dance, in costume, but this feature was side-tracked for the "Dance of Nations," which gives promise of being just as interesting as would have been the "Kilties" dance.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Trimble, 207 North Arno street. Besides the routine business transacted, the members present devoted some time to discussing the situation in the Far East, and the danger missionaries might be in in China. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Sunday night in the Congregational church patriotic services will be held in commemoration of Washington's birthday. A special musical program is being prepared for the occasion, and there will be an address by the Hon. George S. Klock, and a ten-minute talk on "Washington, Best Beloved of His Country," by Rev. Barron. The public is extended a cordial invitation to be present at these exercises and services.

A. J. Fischer, secretary, Santa Fe, informs The Evening Citizen by postal card that the regular semi-annual meeting of the territorial board of pharmacy will convene at Santa Fe on Monday, March 12, 1906. All violations of the pharmacy and poison laws should be reported at once, either to the secretary or president, so that they may be investigated before said meeting. Candidates for examination must report promptly on above date at 9 o'clock a. m.

The ladies of St. John's Guild of the Episcopal church, have sent out little silk bags, with cards attached, bearing the following: "We ask a small favor, pray don't think us bold. Drop herein a penny for every year old; If the years of your life you care not to tell, A quarter or more, will answer as well. If another engagement should keep you away, The bag, with your pennies, our grief will allay."

The entertainment is to be held at the Guild hall, Tuesday, February 27, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The monthly meeting of the Six O'clock club was held last evening in the parlors of the Methodist Episcopal church. The club is a department of the men's organization of the church, known as the Brotherhood of St. Paul, and gives a banquet once a month to its members and others. At these meetings a paper is read on some vital subject, after which it is open for discussion. About seventy-five men sat down to a delicious supper at 6:30 o'clock last evening. Dr. Harrison acted as the presiding officer and M. E. Hickey, Esq., read a very valuable paper on "Unequal Taxation." The subject was handled in a masterful way and the discussion which followed was pertinent and interesting. The meeting of the club will be known as ladies' night, and Governor Hagerman will deliver an address on the timely topic of gambling. The Brotherhood of St. Paul is an active factor in the aggressive work done by the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, and numbers many men among its members.

Yesterday's meeting of the Women's club of Albuquerque, held in their meeting rooms in the Commercial club building, was devoted to a discussion and papers on "Domestic Science." The meeting was very interesting and several papers were read on domestic science by different members. Mrs. Maynard presided as leader and papers were read by Mrs. D. H. Carr, Mrs. Ira D. Carr, Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Whitcomb. All of them were interesting and highly entertaining. One of the most important and interesting features of yesterday's meeting was the parliamentary contest that was indulged in by the members. The women of the club are anxious that their meetings be conducted strictly along parliamentary rules, as laid down by Robert's parliamentary rules, and with this object in view the contests are held. Much friendly rivalry is being displayed among the members as to which of them can become the most efficient in the study of the rules. This feature of yesterday's program was presided over by Mrs. Drury.

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